

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A hearing aid to be placed in the auditory canal of a patient, the hearing aid comprising:

a standard part configured to be-fitted fit near an outside of an auditory canal of a patient, the standard part ~~being~~ made-of comprising a rigid plastic and accommodating a microphone, an amplifier, a loudspeaker and a battery compartment; and

a dedicated part configured to be-fitted fit in the auditory canal, and facing an eardrum, of one of a left ear and a right ear of a patient, the dedicated part being adapted to a specific geometry of the auditory canal of one of the left ear and the right ear of the patient,

wherein the dedicated part ~~being~~ is provided with sound transmission means for the transmission of sound from said loudspeaker into the auditory canal, the sound transmission means being adapted to the specific geometry of the auditory canal ~~of the patient~~,

wherein the standard part ~~having~~ has an outer end face, a surface extending across the entirety of said outer end face being symmetrically oval and having ~~provided with~~ a sound aperture

at the center of the surface configured to transmit sound to ~~for~~
said microphone, said sound aperture being located in the center of
the outer end face, and

~~the cross section of said standard part being~~
~~symmetrically oval and all elements on an end face of the standard~~
~~part being disposed in such a symmetrical arrangement that a 180~~
~~degrees rotation makes no cosmetic difference~~ wherein said standard
part is configured to connect to said dedicated part regardless of
whether said dedicated part is configured to fit in the auditory
canal of the left ear or the right ear of the patient.

13-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in
claim 12, wherein the outer end face is provided with a switching
means and an adjusting means on said outside surface, the switching
means and the adjusting means positioned along a single line
bisecting the sound aperture, and the switching means and the
adjusting means being positioned on either side of the sound
aperture and equidistant from the sound aperture along the single
line.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a means for removing the hearing aid from the auditory canal, the removing means comprising having an injection molded part connected to the standard part.

20-21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein said dedicated part is provided with a means for removing it the dedicated part from the ear the auditory canal.

23. (currently amended) A hearing aid, comprising:

a standard part ~~made of~~ comprised of rigid plastic with and an enclosed interior volume housing a microphone, an amplifier, a loudspeaker, and a battery compartment; and

a dedicated part shaped to fit in an auditory canal facing an eardrum of a patient, the dedicated part adapted to a specific geometry of the auditory canal of one of a left ear and a right ear of the patient,

wherein,

the dedicated part ~~comprising~~ is comprised of i) a sound transmitter to transmit for transmitting sound from said loudspeaker into the auditory canal, the sound transmitter adapted to the specific geometry of the auditory canal of one of the left ear and the right ear of the patient, and ii) a central axis

forming an angle of at least ten degrees with respect to a ~~central~~
longitudinal axis of the standard part,

the standard part ~~comprising~~ is comprised of i) an outer end face, and ii) a microphone sound aperture located in a center of the outer end face,

~~wherein~~ the cross section of an outer boundary of the outer end face of the standard part is mirror symmetrical in outside end view,

the central axis is in a position perpendicular to an end face of the dedicated part,

the longitudinal axis is in a position perpendicular to the outer end face of the standard part, and

the standard part is configured to connect to the dedicated part regardless of whether the dedicated part is adapted to the auditory canal of the left ear or the right ear of the patient.

24. (currently amended) A hearing aid, comprising:

a dedicated part, having an end face and an exterior surface, and containing only a sound channel configured to function as a sound transmitter, the exterior surface of the dedicated part configured to fit with a specific geometry of an auditory canal of one of a left ear and a right ear; and

a standard part enclosing electronics and a battery, ~~the standard part usable for both a left ear and a right ear of a~~

~~patient,~~ the standard part ~~comprising~~ comprised of an outer end face, ~~and~~ a microphone sound aperture located ~~in~~ at a center of the outer end face, and a connecting part connecting the standard part to the dedicated part; and

~~a dedicated part only containing a sound channel functioning as a sound transmitter, an exterior surface of the dedicated part adapted to the specific geometry of an auditory canal of one of the left and right ear of the patient,~~

~~the dedicated part shaped to fit in an auditory canal facing an eardrum of a patient, the dedicated part adapted to specific geometry of the auditory canal of the patient,~~

wherein the dedicated part having has a central axis, perpendicular to the end face of the internal part, forming an angle of at least ten degrees with respect to a central longitudinal axis, perpendicular to an end face of the standard part,

wherein the standard part being is mirror symmetrical in an end view and all control elements on an the outer end face of the standard part being are disposed in such a symmetrical arrangement that a 180 degrees rotation makes no cosmetic difference around the microphone sound aperture, and

wherein the connecting part is configured to connect to the dedicated part regardless of whether the dedicated part is configured to fit with the specific geometry of the auditory canal of the left ear or the right ear.

25. (currently amended) The hearing aid ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 24, wherein,

the dedicated part is an internal part and the standard part is an external part, ~~and~~

~~the internal part comprises a connecting part connecting the internal part to the external part.~~

26. (currently amended) The hearing aid ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 24, wherein,

the dedicated part is an internal part and the standard part is an external part, and

the standard part accommodates ~~all~~ each of the electronics and a battery, the electronics comprising a microphone, an amplifier, and a loudspeaker within an enclosed volume.

27. (currently amended) The hearing aid of claim 24, further comprising:

a pull rod connected to ~~the~~ a housing of the standard part ~~housing~~, the pull rod configured to remove the hearing aid from the auditory canal.

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The hearing aid ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 24, further comprising:

wherein the elements on the outer end face include a switch and an adjusting facility located on the outer end face, the microphone sound aperture located directly between intermediate the switch and the adjusting facility.

30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) The hearing aid ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 12, wherein the standard part is provided with means for removing said hearing aid from the auditory canal.

32. (currently amended) The hearing aid ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 12, wherein the dedicated part has a central axis perpendicular to an end face of the internal part, the standard part has a ~~central~~ longitudinal axis perpendicular to the outer end face, and the central axis and the longitudinal axis forming form an angle of at least 10 degrees with respect to a ~~central axis of the standard part~~ each other.

33. (currently amended) The hearing aid ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 12, wherein the cross section of an outer boundary of the outer end face of the standard part is mirror symmetrical in outside end view.

34. (new) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 32, wherein said angle is at least 15 degrees.

35. (new) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 32, wherein said angle is approximately 45 degrees.